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SENATE BILL NO. 1339

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-816.1, relating to careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-816.1 as follows:

§ 46.2-816.1. Careless driving and infliction of injury on vulnerable road users; penalty.

A. *As used in this section, "vulnerable road user" means a pedestrian or a person operating a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric-powered assisted bicycle, wheelchair, skateboard, roller or in-line skates, foot-scooter, animal, or animal-drawn vehicle.*

B. *A person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor who operates a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner and is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury as defined in § 18.2-369 to a vulnerable road user who is lawfully present on the highway at the time of injury.*

C. *The court shall suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of a violation of subsection B for up to one year and shall order the surrender of the license, to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398.*

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